

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed February 5, 2007, the Examiner rejected claims 1-20 as anticipated, obvious, and/or indefinite pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §§ 102, 103, and/or 112. However, the Examiner also indicated that claims 6, 7, 12, 13, 19, and 20 would be allowable if rewritten (1) in independent form to include all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, and (2) in a manner that overcomes the Examiner's indefiniteness rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112. In addition, the Examiner indicated that the specification needed to be amended to include previously omitted headings for the Background of the Invention and the Brief Summary of the Invention.

Accordingly, in the present amendment, Applicant (1) cancels rejected independent claims 1, 8, and 14; (2) rewrites claims 6, 12, and 19 in independent form to include all limitations of their respective base claims and intervening claims, if any, and adds the word "and" to claim 6 in order to enhance readability of the claim; (3) amends claims 2-4, 9-11, and 15-17 to depend from new independent claims 6, 12, and 19, respectively; (4) cancels claims 5 and 18 as unnecessary in light of the other amendments to the claims; (5) amends claim 7 to add the word "and" in order to enhance readability of the claim; and (6) presents claims 13 and 20 without amendment in light of their dependence from newly amended claims 12 and 19. Applicant makes these amendments to the claims merely to expedite prosecution and not to agree with or admit to the conclusions reached by the Examiner regarding the patentability of the claims as originally filed.

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Also in the present amendment, Applicant amends the specification to add the Background of the Invention and Brief Summary of the Invention headings required by the Examiner.

No new matter is introduced by any of the amendments in this response.

It is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Such action is therefore respectfully requested at an early date.

Respectfully submitted,

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